



# Libertarian Lines

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## LPNH Special Convention Report

*The LPNH held a special convention on February 29 at the Inn at Danbury. The main item of business was ratification of changes to the party's constitution to allow for out of state members, and to add residency and time requirements for party officers and convention delegates.*

The changes were made to be more welcoming to the growing support we have from across the country, but also to ensure that the Party is led by people who have lived here a while and shown a commitment to the ideals of liberty. All the amendments were ratified unanimously. They are:

Article IV:4 now reads, "All officers shall be residents of the state of New Hampshire for at least one year and shall be members of the State Party in good standing for at least one year."

Article V:1 now reads, "A Party member shall be any person whose state dues are current and who has signed a pledge required by this Article."

Article VIII:2 now reads, "Any party member attending a convention who is a resident of New Hampshire and been a State Party member in good standing for at least 30 days shall become a delegate and may vote at such convention."

### Major announcement

The other major announcement was that party chairman John Babiarz has been appointed to the state's Consensus Revenue Estimating Panel by Governor

Benson. The panel will examine tax revenues and projections to improve the fiscal planning of the state budget.

Candidates Ken Blevens and Dan Belforti outlined their progress and plans for their U.S. Senate and U.S. House races, respectively. Education issues dominated the discussion, particularly the ability to win many supporters by opposing No Child Left Behind.

### Lifetime achievement award

Lois Gardner of Etna was presented with a Lifetime Achievement award for her

many years of dedicated volunteering. We also nominated additional candidates for state office, and signed up volunteers for petitioning, outreach and the next state convention to be held this fall.

### Winter Escape

The convention was the capping event to nearly a week of activity called the "Winter Escape" hosted by the Welcome to the Granite State Committee. The event combined various social activities and house hunting for Free State Project members and libertarians. After the business meeting a few dozen libertarians and free staters gathered for an afternoon of food, drinks, and a lively exchange of ideas.

Channel 9 and a few newspapers were there to cover the day's activities and interview John Babiarz and others.

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## News from the Executive Board

- We are looking for people to join our media team to create press releases and to be available for interviews and talk shows, as well as hold practice sessions and work with public access. Contact Rich Tomasso to get involved.
- We have organized a Membership Committee, please contact Michelle Dumas to help.
- We are organizing the state convention for this fall. Contact the board to help. Join us at [lpnh-convention@yahoo.com](mailto:lpnh-convention@yahoo.com).

**New faces  
moving into  
the state.**

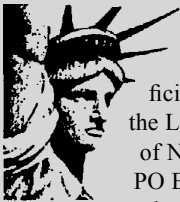
## Profile of the New

*We have some new faces moving into the state, some of whom wanted to share their story with the rest of us. If you'd like to be featured in our new members profile feature, please contact me at [LibLines@lpmh.org](mailto:LibLines@lpmh.org) or 579-0724.*

LPNH welcomes Philip Hodson, who attended our special convention and joined the state party on the spot. A life member of the national party, Philip has recently arrived in New Hampshire from Virginia, where he was the top candidate recruiter in the party's history. Since 1995, half of the votes scored for Libertarian candidates in Virginia have been earned by his recruits. Starting with one other activist, he helped establish three new county parties within his congressional district (which also happened to be the home base of Lyndon Larouche). In 2000, the district's congressional candidate was the top performer among Libertarians engaged in a three-way contest. Philip is currently helping to organize the Hillsborough county affiliate.

## While You Were Sleeping

- The IRS and FEC and working up new regulations to further restrict political speech, some of which may even be retroactive. [RealCampaignReform.org](http://RealCampaignReform.org) has most of the details.
- The TSA is still blocking action to arm airline pilots.
- Public interest groups can no longer file ethics complaints to the Congressional Ethics committees.
- If you thought HIPAA was bad, the Justice Dept is now subpoenaing private medical records for various reasons.



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## National Delegates

The LP national convention will be held over Memorial Day weekend. New Hampshire has 14 delegate slots. We'd like to send a full delegation to Atlanta this year. If you would like to represent the Granite State, please send your inquiry to John Babiarz before April 28, otherwise you will need to be credentialed at the convention. We are looking into a group trip to save some money and perhaps do some bonding along the way.

At the national convention, our delegates will vote on a new national party chair and other officers, our presidential ticket, changes to the party platform, our LNC reps (at-large and regional), and national awards. Plus you'll get to interact with the top activists from around the world. If you attend, you will have a role in shaping the direction of the Party for the next two years and beyond.

Anyone who is going and also running for office, please consider signing up for the candidate workshop on Thursday, it is a great value for the money.

You can find out more at [www.lpconvention.org](http://www.lpconvention.org)



# Meeting Gary Nolan

*Presidential candidate Gary Nolan came up for a visit the day after the LPMA convention.*

*Gary held a "town meeting" at the Holiday Inn in Concord on April 4th.*

Over 20 people came, some from Massachusetts and Maine as well. Gary gave us a campaign update, shared his ideas, and answered questions from the floor. Channel 9 was there to film part of the evening and interviewed Gary for a few minutes. The interview was on the news that night.

### Poor experience with GOP

Sam Cohen of GONH told of his poor experience with the GOP leadership and how gun owners will leave the Republicans to vote for Libertarians.

Gary told us about the campaign's momentum, issues with ballot access, and increasing media coverage. Whenever he

makes an appearance and/or interview, a lot of Republicans come on board, giving money and time. The GOP cannot hide on any issue this year, they control both sides of Washington, DC.

### Major media coverage

He gave 59 TV and radio interviews in March alone, including Fox News. The LP is getting earlier major media coverage than ever.

"The Right is coming to us so we can reach out to the Left, which the LP hasn't been doing effectively." Gary shared the obvious point that we want as clean a world, as safe a world, and protect civil liberties as

much as any progressive or liberal. We need to sell our solutions to their same problems and concerns. The hierarchy may not move, but the followers will. At the CPAC conference, attendees were placing Nolan bumper stickers on top of their Bush stickers.

### Our solutions will come to be

What have the D's & R's accomplished? Gary said our solutions can usually be done overnight. As our success percolates up, our solutions will come to be. If just stating our opinion worked, everyone would be voting Libertarian already. We have to sell it.

He pointed out you cannot flog or scare people into joining the party. So let's paint a picture of what life will be like when we are in office. Sell the benefits of liberty!

For the party's nomination itself, Gary said to look at promises delivered. "Extensive outreach for over a year, better name recognition, and the right message/issues: the economy, health care, and national security. You need momentum to win. I have it." We finally have an answer to the wasted vote question: "send 'em a message, gridlock is good."

On outsourcing, "new jobs are always being created, they are on the way." Companies are using cost savings from outsourcing to create new jobs. Remember, Germany and Japan outsource car manufacturing to the USA.

He sees the Party as strong, he "wouldn't have jumped on board the Titanic." Even Bob Barr thinks we are the Party to watch.

You can learn more at [GaryNolan.com](http://GaryNolan.com)

**Gary told us about the campaign's momentum**



## Petitioning Update

The House has passed some redistricting bills which still need to get ironed out in conference. Some of you may get a new options as to which state rep seat you can run for. Otherwise some districts got smaller.

We've confirmed you can collect petitions inside of public buildings, even during elections, so long as you are not interfering with the process and there is adequate room. Please check with the town clerk beforehand and explain what you are doing. If you need any advice please contact the Exec Board.

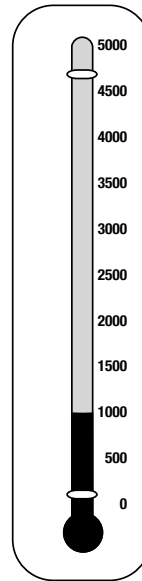
A huge thank you to everyone who went out petitioning at the presidential primary and on town election day. Cold weather and rain and some areas of low turnout hampered our efforts to complete petitioning, but we did collect several hundred signatures both days, putting us on the road to completion.

Please keep collecting! Petitioning is important for our candidates and also serves as outreach to remind folks that they will have a Libertarian option in November.

If everyone reading this would collect *just 10 signatures*, we would be done and have Ken Blevens, Dan Belforti, Richard Kahn and our other candidates qualified for the ballot. That means they can spend the next 8 months campaigning for office and not have to worry about ballot access. How many will signatures you collect?

To join this effort send an email to <petitions@lpmh.org> or call 1-800-559-LPNH. You can download petitions from <www.lpmh.org> or the candidate websites.

Also, please consider running for state rep or higher office, the more candidates we have, the better our chances for ballot access and victory. Media, volunteer and other help is available for you. We have two new state rep candidates petitioning for us since the convention: John Babiarz of Grafton and Thomas Simmons of Westmoreland. Please help them if you can.



**A huge thank you to everyone who went out petitioning.**

### LPNH Candidates List

Libertarians running for office and their supporters can share info and strategy at <yahogroups.com/group/LPNH\_Candidates>

### Free State New Hampshire

Share your insights, news, events. Meet the porcupines and let out-of-state friends know about it. <yahogroups.com/group/NHLiveFreeOrDie>

### NH Libertarians Mailing list

A list for NH Libertarians to discuss news, issues, politics and ideas. It's already the second largest NH political yahogroup! <yahogroups.com/group/nhlibertarians>

### NH Liberty Alliance

The first broad-based pro-liberty PAC in NH. Join them in promoting liberty in the electoral and legislative arenas. They are hosting a special dinner June 25 featuring Craig Benson and Jason Sorens. <www.nhliberty.org>

### Campus Libertarians, Advisors & Supporters

The new (and vastly improved) www.CampusLP.org is taking shape in a big way! The site includes discussion forums, events calendar, chat rooms, a downloads area with ready-to-print posters, and more!

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# Report from Winter Escape

*The Welcome to the Granite State Committee hosted our second Free State gathering. This time, it was Winter Escape to New Hampshire, held February 25-29 at The Inn at Danbury. The Inn was chosen because of its central location, making it easy for Free Staters to tour and explore the state. We coordinated trips, meetings, movies, shopping, etc at the Inn and throughout the state.*

Among the specific events which happened were: The Porcupine Lunch club moved from their regular location up to Danbury to meet everyone, the Free State Land Development Group held an open board meeting, the Free Town Project Organization held their organizing meeting, the LPNH membership committee met, and we had an LPNH convention.

### Special guests

We had some special guests as well, including the new FSP President, Amanda Phillips, Reason magazine associate editor Brian Doherty, state rep Henry McElroy and others.

There was a large dinner gathering on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup>. Over 20 people filled one of the dining rooms at the Inn, exchanging ideas,



stories, making plans and getting re-acquainted. Don Gorman remarked at just how active and involved *everyone* at the table was already and how our efforts would magnify each others' in the coming years.

During the week, attendees went skiing, snowmobiling, target shooting, house hunting, exploring, watched movies and documentaries, sampled local diners and met the locals. One person even found a new job.

We met several new porcupines, discussed job prospects, home schooling, arranged contacts and talked to Brian



Doherty and other members of the press.

Read more at <[www.lpnh.org/winterescape.htm](http://www.lpnh.org/winterescape.htm)>



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You can update your contact information and renew online at <[www.lpnh.org/join.htm](http://www.lpnh.org/join.htm)> or by calling 431-1618, or return the form on the back page of the newsletter.

We have created two new membership categories for you to consider. First, we have a **family membership** option, only \$40 per year for you and your spouse and/or children. Second, you can become a **monthly pledger** starting at just \$10/month and never have to worry about your membership expiring so long as you continue to pledge.

We are working on creating membership premiums. If your business or organization would like to participate in this program, please contact the executive board.

Your membership dollars will be going to affect positive change in NH. We'll be using our resources to lobby for legislation, elect our candidates, grow the Party and for other political causes.

## Candidate CD Available

By George Phillies

George Phillies and Bonnie Scott have prepared a candidate support CD-ROM. This disk contains almost 20 Megs of material, including sets of web pages, video clips, handouts, and advice articles. No matter whether you are running for local office, trying to set up a county or town organization, raising money, or petitioning, the CD has information you can use.

The disk is available to all libertarian candidates by request to George Phillies, 508-754-1859 or [phillies@4liberty.net](mailto:phillies@4liberty.net) (your papermail address is needed). The disk is free, but donations to support distribution costs will be appreciated.

Please make checks payable to the Liberty Congressional PAC, and include your name, address, occupation and employer. Donations are not tax deductible.

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## Form Your County Affiliate

To build a more effective organization, we want to form county affiliates within the LPNH. It will facilitate more local contact and political activity.

Organizing a county is easier than a state. It's easier to reach everyone and find a suitable meeting place and probably most people are in the local calling area. The LPNH already has provisions for recognizing Affiliates, you just need a group of 5 people in a county to form the organization and present your bylaws to the Exec Board.

If you want to form a county affiliate, or host a county meeting, please contact the Executive Board and we'll help you get started. To date, Cheshire, Grafton and Hillsborough counties have organizing committees.

## LOCAL GROUPS

Join a group today. Start one yourself! Organizational help and speakers are available.

### Dartmouth Libertarians

Our Ivy Leaguers are doing great work. They've hosted Gov. Gary Johnson and Doug Bandow of Cato and held an inter-party debate on foreign policy. Contact Steven.A.Haidar@dartmouth.edu to get involved.

### Greater Nashua Libertarians

A discussion/meeting group has formed to bring libertarians, constitutionalists and other freedom-lovers in the greater-Nashua area together. Join the mailing list at <yahogroups.com/group/Nashua\_LP>, or send an email to Nashua\_LP-subscribe@yahogroups.com, or call Rich at 579-0724 and leave a message with your contact info.

### Monadnock Libertarians

James Maynard invites libertarians in Keene and the rest of Cheshire county to work for Liberty. They are presently working on organizing a county affiliate. For more information, please visit <www.monadnocklibs.org>, or e-mail monadnocklibs@keenenh.us

### Seacoast Libertarians

Brendan Kelly of Seabrook has started a group for libertarians in the Seacoast area. Contact him at 474-8283 to join in.

## Upcoming Events

### Every Wednesday

Freedom Forum discussion group at Borders in Nashua, 7pm to 9pm. <ff.ijaq.net>

### Tuesday, May 11

LPNH monthly meeting, 2 Valley Rd in Bow. 7pm to 9pm.

### Saturday, May 22

Homebrew and pot-luck social, 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm. 38 Hawthorne Dr., Bedford. Contact Phillip to coordinate menu items, PhilipHods@aol.com or 622-2725.

### Tuesday, May 25

Freedom Film Festival, 7pm at the Friendship Club, 35 Orchard Ave, Nashua. <fff.ijaq.net>

### May 27-31

Libertarian Party national convention in Atlanta. Contact John Babiarz to become a delegate. <www.lpconvention.org>

### Tuesday, June 8

LPNH monthly meeting, 2 Valley Rd in Bow. 7pm to 9pm.

### June 24-27

Porcupine Freedom Fest at Rogers Campground in Lancaster. Email Tim Condon, tcondon@freestateproject.org for info

### Friday, June 25

NHLA Liberty Dinner, 6pm-9pm at Plymouth University with Craig Benson and Jason Sorens. Details and tickets available at <www.nhliberty.org/libertydinner.htm>

### Saturday, Oct 2

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